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Canadian pride



Stoney Creek resident Anthony Constantini shows off his Canadian pride on Wednesday, waiting in traffic on his way to the gold medal game between Canada and Russia at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Buffalo. For more coverage on the event, go to pages 2 and 3.

Martin looks ahead

Mayor reflects on 2010 and prepares to move forward with projects and issues in 2011

Kris Dubé
The Times

Last year certainly was an interesting one in Fort Erie.

Ontario Municipal Board hearings on the Crystal Beach Gateway Project, a razor-thin mayoral race and funding for infrastructure projects are just a few of the many topics you read about in 2010.

Mayor Doug Martin said addressing issues related to drainage and basement flooding through the North Crescent Park Drainage Improvement Project and Frenchman's Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Main, a \$20 million project made possible by government funding.

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Martin said the project will open Fort Erie's industrial lands and eventually provide more space for new business.

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Quest for a medal on the Peace Bridge



Joe Tyios, a resident of Dundas waves a Team Canada sweater in support of his team before the gold medal game on Wednesday.

Austin Hill, a resident of Six Nations was all smiles before the gold medal game between Canada and Russia. This likely changed after Canada gave away a three goal lead and eventually lost by two goals in the third period.



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by Aileen Hillier, M.D.
Hearing Health

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Scotty Bowman discusses depth of Canadian junior team

► NHL's most decorated coach spotted at local business and provides comments for the *Times*

Kris Dubé
The Times

As Team Canada prepared to face Russia in the gold medal game of the World Junior Hockey Championships on Wednesday, the *Times* decided to ask one of the biggest names in the sport about his thoughts on the tournament so far.

On Tuesday, the National Hockey League (NHL)'s most-winning head coach Scotty Bowman could be found at the Bulk Barn on Garrison Road.

"They have a lot of depth, especially on defence," said Bowman, who is still active in hockey as a senior advisor for the Chicago Blackhawks, who won the Stanley Cup last year.

With star players from last year's tournament already playing in the NHL, such as Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle, he said this is proof Canadian hockey is a force to be reckoned with because there is so much talent to choose from within different junior leagues across the country.

"There's enough talent to make two teams," said Bowman, who lives in the Buffalo area.

He also agreed that the Buffalo Sabres, a team he was the general manager and coach of for a per-

There's enough talent to make two teams."

—Scotty Bowman

od of time in the 1980's, have a lot to look forward to with two Canadian players, Zack Kassian and Marcus Foligno, who have been drafted by the club.

"Those are two exciting players," said Bowman, who coincidentally dropped the puck for the gold medal game's ceremonial face-off.

Among Bowman's records are the most regular season wins by a head coach with 1,244. He also holds the record for the most playoff wins with 223.

He won a total of nine Stanley Cups in his career, five of them with the Montreal Canadiens in the 1970's.

He won the NHL's most precious piece of hardware with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1992 and with the Detroit Red Wings in '97, 98 and 2002.

In 1977 and 1996, he won the Jack Adams Trophy, which is essentially the coach of the year award.

Bowman is the only head coach of any professional sports team to win the league's championship with three different teams.

Anyone who watched the tournament from home is well aware of the strong and overpowering Canadian presence in the crowd. With Fort Erie being so close, a fair share of local residents took in a game or two.

For Ed Smith, a couple of games wouldn't satisfy his love of the game.

He bought a package of tickets in January of last year and estimates he attended about 18 games.

"It was a great and memorable experience," said Smith.



The National Hockey League's record holder for most wins as a head coach Scotty Bowman, middle, with Bulk Barn owners Dennis and Joy Ventura on Tuesday.

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Book signing for local author today

Writers says creating a local feel in his work should be enjoyed by readers

Kris Dubé
The Times

It's easy to write about a story that takes place in a setting you know, most writers feel explain.

Derek Clendenning, a local author who will be signing his recently pub-

lished novel *The Between Years* at the From Cover to Cover Bookstore this Saturday, agrees with the above statement.

The 29-year-old, who already has a short story published by Simon and Schuster in New York City and is a respected online critic of dark literature, sat down with the Times at his Fort Erie home this week to discuss his latest work.

His novel, originally written as a novella but later expanded into a more detailed story, is published by Naked Snake Press, a

company out of South Carolina.

Without giving too much away about the plot and its climax, the story is about a man in his 20's who is separated from his wife after losing their son in a freak storm, similar to what local residents experienced in 2006.

He eventually moves into his grandparents' house, something Clendenning did for a number of years himself, only to find that his deceased child is living in the walls and growing up at an alarming rate.

“

I take my writing with me everywhere.”

— Derek Clendenning

After the main character Randy discovers this, he sees his son grow by four years every day, hence the title of the book.

Clendenning has always had a penchant for literature, working at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch "off and on" for the last ten years. But it doesn't stop when he gets home for the day, saying he is constantly generating ideas for stories and putting them to use.

"I haven't missed a day at the writing desk in about four years... and that includes Christmas," he laughed.

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Local author Derek Clendenning will be signing his novel 'The Between Years' at the From Cover to Cover Bookstore on Ridge Road today from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Spelling Bee

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Film Fest looking for entries

Fort Erie native wins best student comedy in 2007 and hopes to be successful again this year

Kris Dubé
The Times

Are you a Niagara-based filmmaker that is looking for a venue to promote your creativity?

If you are, perhaps you should consider entering your work into the 10th annual Niagara Indie Film Fest (NIFF), as submissions are now being accepted for the event that will take place in June at Brock University in St. Catharines.

Since its inception, it has distributed over \$33,000 in aid and coming film and video makers and provided much needed screen time for emerging artists.

Submissions will be in categories that include drama, documentary, comedy, animation and experimental.

Entries must be no longer than 30 minutes and be produced between April 22, 2011 and April 22, 2011.

Both independent and student entries are welcome and will be adjudicated separately. Cash prizes will be awarded at the festival in June.

Brent Nichols, a Fort Erie native now working on his career as a magician, under the moniker 'Incubrent', entered his short film, Trolley Hunters: Trolleys from Hell in 2007 and won in the best student comedy category.

The idea started as part of a project for his course at the

“I literally became obsessed with the idea and kept re-writing and adding things to the script.”

— Brent Nichols

University of Western Sydney in Australia, but he went above and beyond the five-minute time frame he was directed to stick to by the university program.

“I literally became obsessed with the idea and kept re-writing and adding things to the script,” said Nichols.

He’s glad he put in that extra effort, because the final product received plenty of attention from everyone at school and still continues to be viewed on the Internet.

Nichols wrote, directed and

co-starred in the short film and even composed 75 per cent of its music.

Premiering it at university, he was very nervous leading up to the first screening in front of about 300 students.

He said he wasn’t sure if everyone would get the jokes, or if they did, what the response would be.

“In the end, I received a standing ovation, followed by so much good feedback. It might sound strange but I think it was the proudest night of my life. It was a great sense of accomplishment,” he said.

For the last three years, Nichols has worked as a magician aboard the Disney Cruise Line, where he performs shows for kids. Since then, he has many performances under his hat, in front of many large crowds.

For film, filmmaking and his magic career come hand-in-hand.

“They both give me a chance to make people laugh. Sure, magic is about amazing or tricking people, but ultimately I want to show people


a good time,” said Nichols, who is currently working on another video for this year’s NIFF about a magician who believes he has magic powers, even though he clearly doesn’t.

To view the tricks he has up his sleeves, visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/incubrent or visit his website at www.incubrent.com.

For more information on the NIFF and to fill out an online submission form, you can go to www.niagaraindiefilmfest.org.



Fort Erie native Brent Nichols, who also goes by the name 'Incubrent' is getting ready to enter the Niagara Indie Film Fest once again.




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- The Fort Erie Women for their Gift of Love program.
- My gratitude goes to the family that rather than exchange gifts, chose to provide a wonderful meal for over 65 people at a Community Dinner held at The Salvation Army this Christmas season.
- The Ridgeway/Crystal Beach Kitchens, The Slots at Old Fort Erie Staff, Canadian Niagara Power Staff, Niagara Regional Police Fort Erie, Niagara South Life Christian Centre, Lions Club of Fort Erie, St. Vincent de Paul - St. Michael's and St. George's Parishes, Fort Erie Public Library and the Adult Literacy Council for providing over 200 children with gloves, hats and books, my friends of the Ridgeway By-the-Lake community, Eurocourt, Opti-Mix Club, First Baptist Church, Victory Church, General Varier Public School and The Royal Canadian Legion Fort Erie. Thanks also to the countless clubs, workplaces, families and individuals that dropped by with donations.

We have been successful in raising \$47,000 which will allow us to continue our local programs during 2011.

On a personal note, my heartfelt thanks go to Anne Walters and her family, the Kettle Crew, Mike, Cheryl, Linda, my colleagues at the Thrift Store, the prayer support of many and my family and friends. I was hard work but boy did we have fun! May God Bless you all for your thoughtfulness and your support of The Salvation Army.

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our editorial

Lots of headlines expected in 2011

Last year was a good one, so here's hoping the nest one will be even better.

There are a lot of things taking place in Fort Erie that will surely be making headlines in upcoming issues of the Times.

Many of them were highlighted in the front page story you may have already read about mayor Doug Martin's thoughts on the future.

The biggest story that will likely hit the paper very soon, is the decision made by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on the Town of Fort Erie's plans to build a 12-storey condominium building at Bay Beach.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know this is one of the most contentious issues of last year and many people are eagerly awaiting the decision from the board, that was said to arrive in "several months" back in early November.

Speaking of the OMB, a hearing into the Canadian Motor Speedway project will begin this year.

It has been met with opposition, but not nearly as much as the Bay Beach issue.

We hope the decision made on both issues will be given with all the facts considered from both sides of the argument.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

We received no phone calls or e-mails about last week's photo of the two people serving food, so it will go back into the "unidentified people" binders here at the museum.

We are hoping for a bet-

ter response for this week's photo as everyone's mind must surely be on hockey.

There are no clues on the back of the photo, but the crest on the man's hockey sweater reads, "Ontario Provincial Police District."

If you know the occasion for this photo or anyone in it please call (905) 894-5322 or you can send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca or drop by the Museum at 402 Ridge Road, right next to FEFD station no. 4.

Story with Bowman makes Junior results more bearable



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

A complete and utter collapse is the only way to explain it.

In fact, it was such a disappointment that many readers probably know exactly what I'm referring to. If you don't, then let me explain.

The World Junior Hockey Championships just recently wrapped up a stones throw away from us

here in Fort Erie. Local residents and people from all over the globe flocked to Buffalo for the always much-anticipated tournament.

On Wednesday, I made arrangements with the Peace Bridge Authority to allow me to stand near the tolls on the Canadian side of the border for photos of hockey fans waiting in traffic.

Within about ten minutes, I already had exactly what I needed, as many enthusiastic motorists saw me with my camera and wanted to be a part of the spotlight, waving jerseys

and flags, shouting things like "Go Canada!"

Many of them were so excited because they assumed it would be an easy task, knocking off Russia in the gold medal game.

What's unfortunate about this, is that this mindset apparently rubbed off onto the players on Team Canada, especially in the third period.

Going into the final frame, Canada lead by a score of 3-0. Yes, a comfortable lead, but certainly not one that should have caused Canada to sit back and relax the way they

did.

After watching the breakdown, trying to grasp Canada losing by two goals after being so confident that things were going to work out the way myself and the thousands of Canadian fans at their HSBC arena were hoping for, I said to those around me that this could potentially have been the biggest tragedy in Canadian hockey history, Olympics included.

But we must realize, this is much more difficult on the players and coaches and the players.

It's easy for us to sit on

our couch or in the stands at the game and point everything that went wrong, some of us who have never laced up a pair of skates in our lifetime.

We should be proud of the run they gave us and be thankful for how entertaining the tournament was, despite the outcome.

I do feel sorry for anyone who paid an arm and a leg to see that happen though because if I did, I wouldn't hesitate to say it was the worst thousand dollars I had ever spent.

Although I didn't attend any games, for me the most exciting part was

hearing through the grapevine that Scotty Bowman was doing some shopping at Bulk Barn on Tuesday, which coincidentally is in the same building as the Times' office.

I walked over there, with the idea that he might go on the record to talk about the tournament. When I asked him if I could chat with him for a bit about it, he was more than willing and extremely gracious.

I've met him a few times before, but being able to pull a story out of him with such little notice was a great experience.

opinion page

Noyes responds to recent letters

Dear Editor,

In recent letters to the editor, comments have been made that my motive to support Arlene White and then George Lepp instead of Sandy Annuziata for the PC nomination was revenge. First of all, Arlene White, who is also from Fort Erie, would have made a wonderful MPP and represented our town well.

Read her resume, review her record, review her accomplishments over the years, listen to her speak.

She, over the years has been a delegate at council and was well spoken, informed and proactive.

If she runs again and I hope she does, I will again give her my support and help with her campaign. As for "leading the charge," instead of Sandy Annuziata, at the PC nomination, I sat with no buttons or place cards.

I listened, I clapped after all speeches but loud-est for Arlene White, voted and left for home after I voted on the second ballot. Between the votes, I was in Arlene White's hospitality room and hoping that she would do well. If someone asked me my opinion I encouraged they vote for Arlene White.

I have always prided myself on making decisions for the right reasons, and revenge is never the right reason.

I have sat on council for four years with Sandy Annuziata, and on many issues Sandy and I saw things from different perspectives. Sandy voted for four years in a row to raise taxes so that at the end of the term, council raised town taxes over 30 per cent.

I have never supported a tax increase that is higher than the cost of living. Sandy voted against a motion I made to demand the EDTC be more accountable and transparent.

I am a strong supporter of keeping all of Bay Beach Lands in public hands and make it into a wonderful park for generations to enjoy.

Sandy voted in favour of the "tower" at Bay Beach despite wide spread public opposition. The motion I made that would see non union staff wages be frozen during this difficult recession. Sandy voted against and there are many more examples.

Why would I and others, support or vote for someone that in our opinion does not represent

the town and it's resident's best interests?

I must question the motivation of the 'letters to the editor' regarding the PC nomination. Could it be that "Team Sandy" has started his next campaign?

If the PC's and Tim Hudak supporters want this riding to be Conservative in the next provincial election, putting down the people's choice George Lepp is not helping.

However, if George Lepp is successful in becoming our MPP this year, he will be the incumbent in the next PC nomination meeting, and most likely will not be challenged.

If he is unsuccessful becoming our MPP, Mr. Annuziata will have another opportunity to try again. The Leader of Opposition Tim Hudak needs the PC's in this town to get behind George Lepp and help him become the next Premier. We have an opportunity to let Mr. Lepp know what is important to this town, and that we have high expectations for the future of this town which he is now part of.

Ann-Marie Noyes
Stevensville

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O Canada



Canadian fans piling into the HSBC arena at the World Junior Hockey Championships. In this photo submitted by local resident Jim McCormick.



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Clendening writes about everything from horror to football

From Page 4

Often travelling to parts of the US and Europe for conventions on the literary genre he specializes in, he says bringing his work with him is important because if he has an idea, it can easily be added to the piece he is working on.

"I take my writing with me everywhere," he said.

His book is set in Fort Erie. It doesn't take place in a small town with similarities to his hometown, a method some authors will use.

He said when local residents read the novel, they will definitely feel like it is set in Fort Erie.

"There are a lot of landmarks and street names that show up," said

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There are a lot of landmarks and street names that show up."

— Derek Clendening

Clendening, who feels taking this road helps him with his craft.

"You have to be able to write about a place you know really well."

Clendening is also a huge football fan. He is the head football writer for suite101.com, a website that provides articles on a variety of topics.

In his short story *Blood Life*, the main character sells his soul for Buffalo Bills season tickets, only to find out later his soul has been purchased by a Miami Dolphins fan.

The book signing takes place today from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the From Cover to Cover Bookstore on Ridge Road.

Working the crowd



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Projects held up by OMB hearings

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"That will open us up for a lot of development in that area."

He also said it puts less stress on the drainage system in Crescent Park.

"It will do nothing but help that situation as well."

The Canadian Motor Speedway is still on the horizon after numerous government approvals that have been given to date. But the project that includes a road and oval course with seating capacity for up to 100,000 people is being met with opposition and will be going through and OMB

hearing soon.

"We will be working diligently on that when we can move forward."

In early November, the OMB was already in town for nearly a week for a hearing on the Town's plans to build a 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road in partnership with The Molinaro Group, a Burlington-based developer.

The OMB member who presided over the hearing at town hall, said his decision could take "several months."

"That will develop as the

decision is made as to what direction we'll be taking" said Martin.

He is also looking forward to the completion of a new tourist centre at the Old Fort, another project funded by stimulus funding, just in time for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration.

"That's one of the first major investments in that fort in about 60 years," said Martin.

During the table at council, there are four new members and two returning from the previous four years.

"I'm looking forward to working with the new council."

Although, he does foresee differing ideas and opinions when the budget process begins later this month.

"I'm anticipating there will be significant debate on how we can make good on the promises that were made before the election."

The Times will be providing it's Year In Review next week.

Winning tickets



Head injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) executive director Donna Summerville, left, with St. Catharines resident Kim Butcher, who was the winner of a raffle held by the HIAFE for a pair of tickets to three different games at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Buffalo. The fundraiser brought in just under \$7,000 for the local agency. Butcher attended all three games on New Year's Eve.

Nicholson keeps justice job

QMI Agency

Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson held onto his job as Canada's justice minis-

ter and attorney general Tuesday when Prime Minister Stephen Harper shuffled his cabinet to bring in new high-profile

MP Julian Fantino and to make former TV broadcaster Peter Kent a full minister. Nicholson has been Minister of Justice for four years. It's his responsibility to shepherd Conservative anti-crime legislation through Parliament.

Fantino, a former OPP commissioner, was elected in a Toronto-area byelection late in November. There was widespread speculation his career in law enforcement would catapult him into a cabinet post within the Conservative government, which portrays itself as tough on crime.

The rookie got a junior post as minister of state for seniors.

Kent, who used to be a Global TV news anchor before entering politics, became environment minister, replacing Calgary MP Jim Prentice who retired last fall. Harper tapped Calgary MP Diane Ablonczy to take Kent's old job as minister of state for foreign affairs

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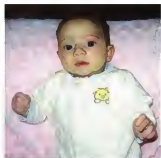
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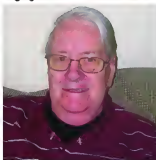
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GAGNE, Rosita Lucina (nee Arcand) - with her family by her side Rosita passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, January 1st 2011. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Gay and her sons Guy, Corey and Christopher. She was a proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Vivian Richardson and Claudette Baria. Rosita was predeceased by her son Mark (1978), parents Louis and Marie Arcand, husband John Guy Gagne, sister Jacqueline Woods and brother Theodore J. Arcand. The Gagne family will receive friends at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway, on Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A service to celebrate her life will follow in the chapel at 12 o'clock. If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation. On line memories and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

*Time takes away the edge of grief,
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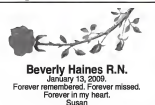
JONES, Lloyd - Passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on January 1, 2011 in his 82nd year. Predeceased by his wife Lorraine. He is survived by his sister Doris Horton and his niece Maigo Horton. He will be sadly missed by Ron and Ranata Clarkson, Cathy Malonia and Marilyn McMillen and Frieda Jones. Lloyd was well known at the Fort Erie Race track, being an owner of horses for over 60 years. As per his request cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

POOLE, Gwen - On Wednesday, January 5th, 2011, Gwen passed away peacefully at Redstacks Retirement Home in her 83rd year. Predeceased by her husband Richard, her sister George and her brother-in-law Gib. She is survived by her sisters Cella (Bob), Elsie and the late Jim, Wilfrid (Ron) and Ruth (Dave). Special acknowledgments to Gwen's extended family, especially Joyce Capern. Friends may call at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 7-9 o'clock on Friday evening and on Saturday afternoon from 3-4 o'clock. A celebration of her life will be held in the chapel on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Donations in memory of Gwen would be appreciated to the Hospital for Sick Children. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

*Down a road that's calm and peaceful,
Guided by God's loving hand,
He has gone upon a journey
To a distant, brighter land.
And although our hearts are heavy
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*Although we smile and make no fuss
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LOUWS, Jenna

You are always in our hearts.
One year has passed since that sad day.
When that one we loved was called away.
Our lives have never been the same.
But we always smile when we hear your name.

In our hearts, your memory lingers;
Sweetly tender, fond, and true.
There is not a day, dear Jenna,
That we do not think of you.
Forever 39!
~ With all our love, Fred, Megan, and Jackson xoxoxo

*We are sad within our memory,
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Kris Dubé
The Times

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For about the last 20 years, an exchange program between a local minor hockey team and a squad from Vojens, Denmark.

This time around, it was time for the local players, coaches and parents to play host to the Danish team for almost two weeks.

On Thursday, a final scrimmage game was played at the Crystal Ridge Arena before the Vojens Ice Hockey Club, who is the national champion in their respective country, headed back home.

One of the team's coaches, Hans Stokholm, said this is a great experience for everyone who makes the trip, but it is especially about the kids and making sure they enjoy themselves to the fullest.

"This is an experience for life, they will never forget this," said Stokholm.

One of the first things he wanted to mention was the hospitality provided by the local killers here in Fort Erie and how gracious they are, opening up their homes and making the time spent in

Canada so much more of a positive experience.

"The families over here are so great," he said.

With most players on both teams being part of an age group that used social networking sites like Facebook, most of them have been keeping in touch with one another since last year when the Fort Erie team went over-

seas, keeping their friendships strong until they were reunited shortly after Christmas.

"They were already buddies when we got over here," he said.

Back in Denmark, Stokholm said the bi-annual trip is something all the players over there strive to experience, saying that some of

the younger players involved in their hockey system are already planning ahead to when they are old enough to be a part of it.

"Everybody looks forward to it," he said.

Leigh Whyte, whose son Drake travelled to Denmark last year, welcomed two of the Danish players into his home this time

around. Although the main reason the program has been going on for so long is because of the sport of hockey, he said there is much more to it than that. He said it builds the young players' social skills, allows them to build meaningful friendships with everyone involved, but mostly opens their eyes up to different parts of the world.

"It's about away more than hockey, it's about building relationships and experiencing different cultures," said Whyte, who is also the local team's treasurer.

Mike Hebborn, one of the local team's coaches agrees hockey is obviously an integral part of the pro-

gram but said the most important aspect is how much the kids can be educated about different parts of the world, referring to how many of the Denmark kids attended a National Hockey League game or saw Niagara Falls for the first time in their lives.

"As a parent, it's fun to watch because you can see the questions and the wonder in their eyes when they see things for the first time," said Hebborn.

During their time here, players from both teams also attended games at the World Junior Hockey Championships and visited the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.



Members of the Vojens Ice Hockey Club and the local minor team that participates with the annual Team Denmark exchange program Casper Stokfisch, Henrik Juhl, Colton Smith, Frederik Roslund, Chris Cybrinski and Connor Hebborn before a friendly scrimmage game at the Crystal Ridge Arena on Thursday.

Meteors face league's best tonight

The Fort Erie Meteors are coming of another loss, blown out by a huge margin against the London Nationals on Wednesday 5-0.

On Friday, they took the trip up the Queen Elizabeth way to face-off against the Niagara Falls Canucks, but the score was not known by press time.

Tomorrow night, they will face off against the Golden Horseshoe league leading St. Catharines Falcons, who have only lost seven games in regulation all year.

The Meteors have only won three games, all of them against cross-border rivals the Wheatfield Jr. Blades, who

are only two points ahead of the Meteors in the standings, with four wins and ten points, compared to the Meteors' eight points.

At the top of the standings, the Falcons sit with 56 points, as the Niagara Falls Canucks nip at their heels with 53 points, as of Friday afternoon.

Leading the Meteors in scoring are Mackenzie McAvoy, both with 18 points.

McAvoy has nine goals and nine assists, while Passero has five goals and 13 assists.

Game time tonight at the Leisureplex is 7:15 p.m.

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To those who insist on giving me traditional Christmas gifts. Between the turtle doves, french hens and that squaky partridge, I'm up to my neck in in bird poop and feathers. Not even get me started on these nine drummers keeping me awake all night.

Brick

To restaurants who need to make more of an effort enforcing hair nets and proper hygiene on their employees, especially the ones that handle the food. There's nothing worse than being totally starved and then losing

your appetite when your food is put in front of you.

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To the technician from our phone provider who came to our house on New Year's Day and helped us resolve a problem we were having with our line. He worked outside in the pouring rain and was very polite and professional. It was really nice to see.

Brick

To the person who called in a brick this week to the Times for one that was printed last week in in bird poop and feathers. Not even get me started on these nine drummers keeping me awake all night, potentially committing crimes. In the same issue, there was a small story about youths stealing guns from a home in Crystal Beach. Connect the dots, sir.

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